ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 2,610 from mid-October to mid-November. The rate increased from 2.8 to 3.4 percent. The 2.8 percent rate recorded in October proved to be the lowest in the country for that period. A year ago the rate was 3.9 percent. The November labor force stood at 527,130 with 17,750 unemployed workers. The unemployment rate increased in nine of the eleven labor market areas. Unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in the Keene and Nashua labor market areas to a high of 6.6 percent in the Littleton labor market area. All labor market areas but two had fewer workers unemployed compared with a year ago. The November unemployment increases resulted partially from seasonal layoffs in several areas of the State as the fall foliage season ended. In addition there were scattered layoffs in manufacturing (completion of orders) and increased layoffs in construction due to the approaching cold weather season.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by only 400 from October as manufacturing was down 600 and nonmanufacturing was up 200. Compared to a year ago nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 22,300 as manufacturing is up 6,850 and nonmanufacturing 15,450. The largest industrial gain in manufacturing occurred in electrical products with an increase of 3,100. In nonmanufacturing, trade recorded the largest over the year gain with an increase of 7,100 and was followed closely by services with 6,700.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased by only 90 from October while the rate went from 2.6 to 2.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 600 from October and is up 4,250 from the year ago level. Manufacturing increased by 850 from last year while nonmanufacturing is up 3,400. The largest industrial gain from a year ago occurred in trade with an increase of 1,300 workers.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased by 160 from October as the rate went from 2.1 to 2.3 percent. The October unemployment rate was the lowest for any metropolitan labor market area in the country and it is expected that November's 2.3 rate will also be the lowest. A year ago the rate was 3.8 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 450 from October and is up 4,600 from a year ago. Manufacturing increased 2,400 and nonmanufacturing 2,200. The largest industrial gain from a year ago occurred in machinery and electrical products with an increase of 2,800 workers.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Month	Year	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Month	Year	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	527,130	534,720	511,610	-7,590	15,520	91,590	92,030	87,740	-440	3,850	94,010	94,440	88,160	-430	5,850
2. Unemployment	17,750	15,140	19,880	2,160	-2,130	2,460	2,370	2,910	90	-450	2,130	1,970	3,360	160	-1,230
Percent of labor force	3.4	2.8	3.9	xxx	xxx	2.7	2.6	3.3	xxx	xxx	2.3	2.1	3.8	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	508,980	519,580	491,730	-10,600	17,250	88,930	89,660	84,830	-730	4,100	91,680	92,470	84,800	-790	6,880
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	400	0	0	400	400	200	0	0	200	200	200	0	0	200	200
Nonagri. wage & salary**	445,450	445,850	423,150	-400	22,300	84,500	83,900	80,250	600	4,250	78,650	78,200	74,050	450	4,600
Manufacturing	123,750	124,350	116,900	-600	6,850	17,600	17,700	16,750	-100	850	36,850	36,850	34,450	0	2,400
Durable goods	82,100	82,150	74,950	-50	7,150	10,350	10,450	9,500	-100	850	30,550	30,400	27,750	150	2,800
Lumber & wood prods.	5,300	5,250	5,000	50	300										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	100										
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,900	2,650	-50	200										
Primary metal prods.	3,900	3,950	3,850	-50	50										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,350	7,350	7,100	0	250										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,650	24,350	22,000	300	2,650										
Electrical prods.	*26,000	26,300	22,900	-300	3,100	*6,500	6,700	6,100	-200	400	23,400	23,250	20,650	150	2,750
Miscellaneous prods.	*2,050	2,050	1,850	0	200										
Other durables	8,400	8,500	8,100	-100	300	3,850	3,750	3,400	100	450	*7,150	7,150	7,100	0	50
Nondurable goods	41,650	42,200	41,950	-550	-300	7,250	7,250	7,250	0	0	6,300	6,450	6,700	-150	-400
Food & kindred prods.	3,150	3,100	2,950	50	200	1,850	1,850	1,950	0	-100					
Textile mill prods.	4,200	4,350	4,300	-150	-100										
Apparel	2,750	2,750	2,900	0	-150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,550	5,600	5,550	-50	0										
Print., pub. & allied	7,150	7,300	6,750	-150	400										
Leather & lea. prods.	8,050	8,250	9,200	-200	-1,150										
Other nondurables	10,800	10,850	10,300	-50	500	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100					
Nonmanufacturing	321,700	321,500	306,250	200	15,450	66,900	66,200	63,500	700	3,400	41,800	41,350	39,600	450	2,200
Construction (inc. min.)	24,050	23,900	25,600	150	-1,550	4,550	4,550	3,750	0	800	3,350	3,400	3,200	-50	150
Trans., comm. & util.	15,950	16,050	15,700	-100	250	5,250	5,200	5,150	50	100	2,100	2,100	2,050	0	50
Trade	103,850	103,650	96,750	200	7,100	22,500	22,250	21,200	250	1,300	15,050	14,850	14,400	200	650
Fin., ins. & real estate	23,600	23,450	21,850	150	1,750	6,550	6,500	6,300	50	250	2,650	2,650	2,300	0	350
Service industry & other	92,250	99,250	85,550	-2,000	6,700	19,300	19,250	18,400	50	900	12,850	12,800	12,100	50	750
Government	62,000	60,800	60,800	1,800	1,200	8,750	8,450	8,700	300	50	5,800	5,550	5,550	250	250
Federal	12,150	12,100	11,750	50	400	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100	700	750	700	-50	0
State	15,800	15,450	15,500	350	300	900	900	900	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	34,050	32,650	33,550	1,400	500	5,750	5,450	5,800	300	-50	4,850	4,550	4,600	300	250

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Machinery And Electrical Products Combined

Labor Disputes: *November 1984 - Industry 36 - 200 workers on strike not included.
*November 1984 - Industry 39 - 200 workers on strike not included.

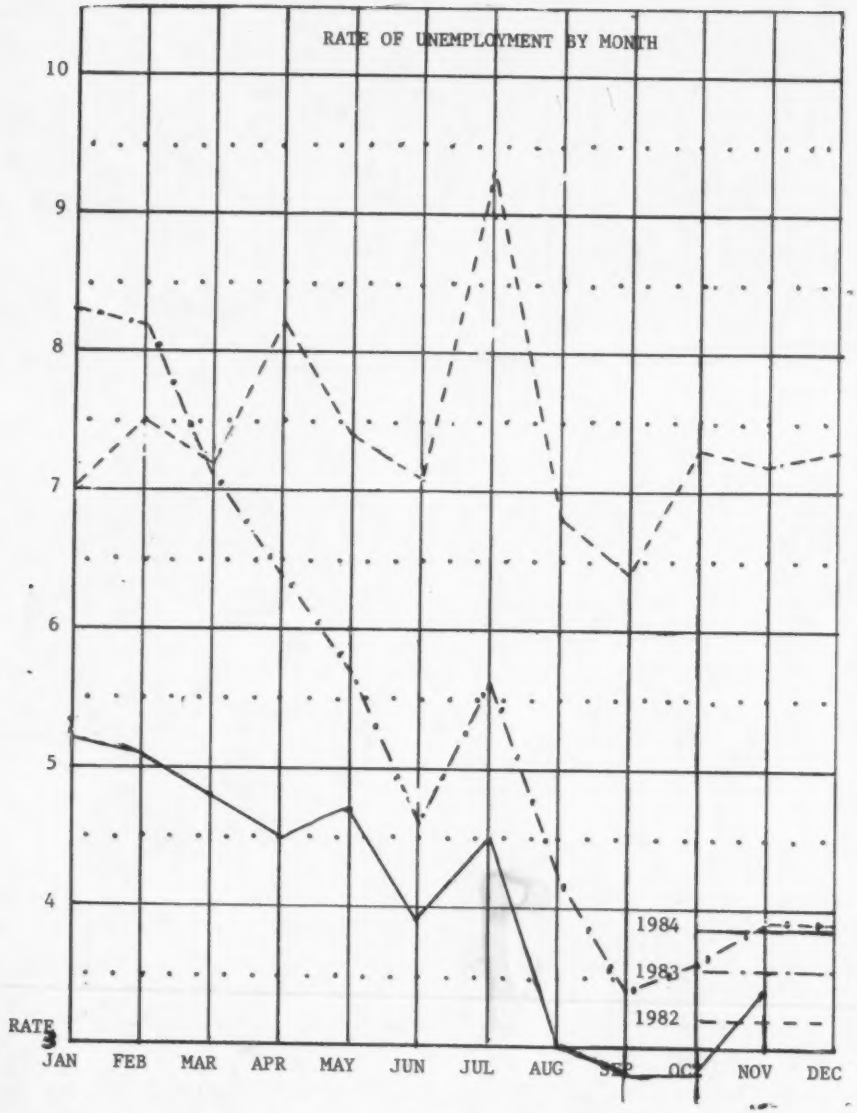
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	November 1984		October 1984		November 1984		Numerical Change From Previous		Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States**	7,869	6.9	7,989	7.0	9,129	8.1	-120	-1,260	114,115	114,250	112,147	-135	1,968
New Hampshire	17,750	3.4	15,140	2.8	19,880	3.9	2,610	-2,130	527,130	534,720	511,610	-7,590	15,520
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	980	4.9	610	2.8	1,270	6.5	370	-290	20,120	21,270	19,470	-1,150	650
Claremont	970	2.4	1,020	2.5	1,530	4.0	-50	-560	39,950	40,550	38,570	-600	1,380
Concord	1,140	2.4	1,010	2.1	1,430	3.1	130	-290	48,310	48,840	46,030	-530	2,280
Dover	2,800	5.9	2,120	4.4	2,110	4.6	680	690	47,850	47,790	46,040	60	1,810
Keene	940	2.3	800	1.9	1,370	3.4	140	-430	40,870	41,510	39,890	-640	980
Laconia	1,280	2.8	940	2.0	1,560	3.6	340	-280	45,430	47,490	43,920	-2,060	1,510
Littleton	990	6.6	460	2.8	1,130	7.7	530	-140	15,060	16,100	14,650	-1,040	410
Manchester	2,460	2.7	2,370	2.6	2,910	3.3	90	-450	91,590	92,030	87,740	-440	3,850
Nashua	2,130	2.3	1,970	2.1	2,730	3.1	160	-600	94,010	94,450	89,240	-440	4,770
Portsmouth	2,590	4.6	2,330	4.1	2,270	3.9	260	320	56,900	57,370	58,900	-470	-2,000
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,470	5.4	1,510	5.5	1,570	5.8	-40	-100	27,040	27,320	27,160	-280	-120
County													
Belknap	690	3.0	500	2.1	880	3.9	190	-190	23,180	24,160	22,450	-980	730
Carroll	500	3.5	310	2.1	540	3.9	190	-40	14,270	14,930	13,710	-660	560
Cheshire	840	2.3	730	2.0	1,280	3.6	110	-440	36,600	37,190	35,780	-590	820
Coos	1,040	5.9	570	3.0	1,370	7.9	470	-330	17,750	18,730	17,300	-980	450
Grafton	1,250	3.5	810	2.2	1,500	4.3	440	-250	36,200	37,630	34,910	-1,430	1,290
Hillsborough	4,130	2.5	3,820	2.3	4,950	3.1	310	-820	166,150	166,930	158,230	-780	7,920
Merrimack	1,260	2.3	1,120	2.0	1,620	3.1	140	-360	54,900	55,800	52,488	-900	2,420
Rockingham	4,900	4.3	4,650	4.0	4,860	4.2	250	40	114,420	115,380	115,370	-960	-950
Strafford	2,570	6.0	1,930	4.5	1,840	4.5	640	730	43,040	42,950	41,300	90	1,740
Sullivan	570	2.8	700	3.3	1,040	5.2	-130	-470	20,620	21,020	20,080	-400	540

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

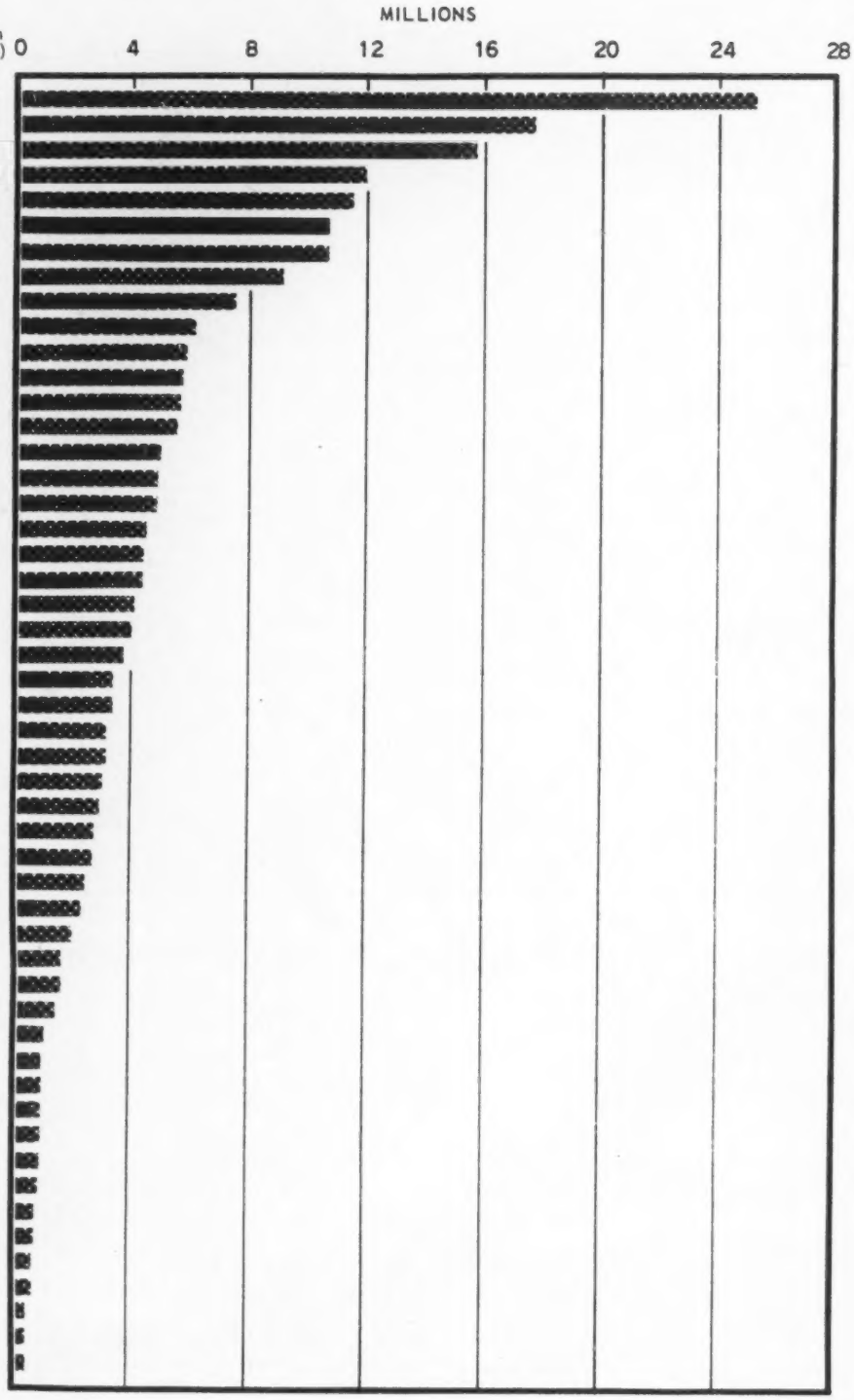
Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1984	1983	1982	1981
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - November	311.9			
Percent change from year ago	3.5			
Year average		297.4	288.6	272.3
Percent increase each year		3.0	6.0	10.2
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - November	315.3			
Percent change from year ago	4.0			
Year average		298.4	289.1	272.4
Percent increase each year		3.2	6.1	10.4

TOTAL RESIDENT POPULATION RANKED BY STATE
JULY 1, 1983[a]



Rank and State	Population (thousands)
1. CALIFORNIA	25,174
2. NEW YORK	17,667
3. TEXAS	15,724
4. PENNSYLVANIA	11,895
5. ILLINOIS	11,486
6. OHIO	10,746
7. FLORIDA	10,680
8. MICHIGAN	9,069
9. NEW JERSEY	7,468
10. NORTH CAROLINA	6,082
11. MASSACHUSETTS	5,767
12. GEORGIA	5,732
13 VIRGINIA	5,550
14. INDIANA	5,479
15. MISSOURI	4,970
16. WISCONSIN	4,751
17. TENNESSEE	4,685
18. LOUISIANA	4,438
19. MARYLAND	4,304
20. WASHINGTON	4,300
21. MINNESOTA	4,144
22. ALABAMA	3,959
23. KENTUCKY	3,714
24. OKLAHOMA	3,298
25. SOUTH CAROLINA	3,264
26. COLORADO	3,139
27. CONNECTICUT	3,138
28. ARIZONA	2,963
29. IOWA	2,905
30. OREGON	2,662
31. MISSISSIPPI	2,587
32. KANSAS	2,425
33. ARKANSAS	2,328
34. WEST VIRGINIA	1,965
35. UTAH	1,619
36. NEBRASKA	1,597
37. NEW MEXICO	1,399
38. MAINE	1,146
39. HAWAII	1,023
40. IDAHO	989
41. NEW HAMPSHIRE	959
42. RHODE ISLAND	955
43. NEVADA	891
44. MONTANA	817
45. SOUTH DAKOTA	700
46. NORTH DAKOTA	680
47. DIST. OF COLUMBIA	623
48. DELAWARE	606
49 VERMONT	525
50. WYOMING	514
51. ALASKA	479

ALL STATES. 233,981,000

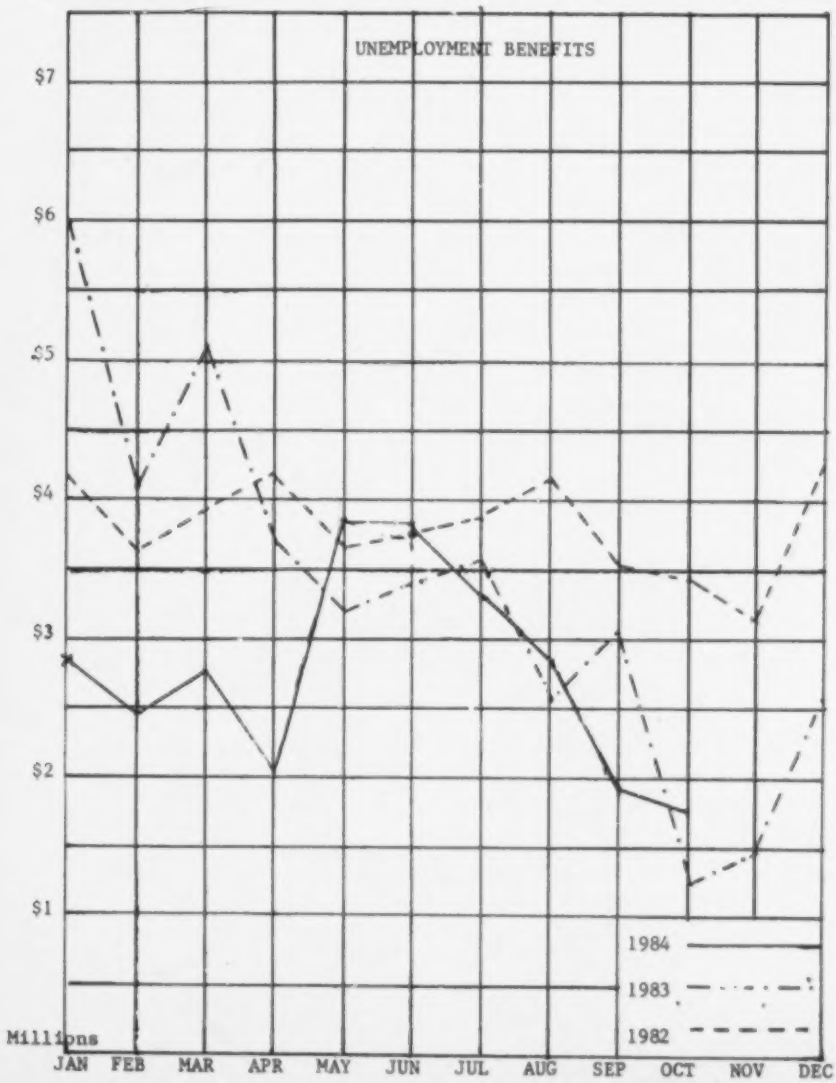
[a]Source: Bureau of the Census, "Population Estimates and Projections," October 1984. Provisional.

Labor Market Information Division
Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
Columbus 12-18-84 No. E-513

Weekly Claims Filed During November
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,261	14,910	24	51	11	24	37	126	20	51
Berlin	214	752	2	6	1	1	1	9	0	6
Claremont	266	639	1	0	0	1	1	6	0	0
Concord	373	820	8	3	1	0	2	10	0	0
Conway	89	299	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	4
Dover	767	3,045	4	7	0	10	11	21	4	8
Keene	248	779	1	0	3	9	1	8	2	2
Laconia	313	860	2	6	3	0	4	15	1	7
Lebanon	48	232	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
Littleton	192	939	3	24	0	1	1	3	0	0
Manchester	745	1,468	1	4	1	0	8	22	4	0
Nashua	262	706	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Portsmouth	320	2,169	0	0	0	1	5	18	4	6
Salem	140	351	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	284	1,851	1	0	0	0	1	7	2	10

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $107.87



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month

Nov. $92,687,432.91
Oct. $91,712,331.99

Net contributions received during month:

Oct. $ 4,425,380.22

Net benefits paid during month:

Oct. $ 2,114,206.68

Interest Received:

Oct. $ 2,293,489.89

November's information for breakouts will be provided next month.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
All manufacturing	$331.69	$325.18	$308.45	41.0	40.8	40.8	$8.09	$7.97	$7.56
Durable goods	348.17	341.14	325.82	41.4	41.3	41.4	8.41	8.26	7.87
Lumber & wood prods.	262.26	257.52	238.73	41.3	40.3	39.2	6.35	6.39	6.09
Furniture & fixtures	267.59	282.80	246.93	40.3	40.0	36.8	6.64	7.07	6.71
Stone & clay prods.	344.36	328.36	333.16	43.7	42.7	44.6	7.88	7.69	7.47
Primary metal prods.	372.68	358.68	368.34	44.0	42.7	45.7	8.47	8.40	8.06
Fab. metal prods.	309.10	312.57	309.64	40.3	41.4	41.9	7.67	7.55	7.39
Mach. (exc. elec.)	395.51	381.44	371.08	43.8	43.1	43.3	9.03	8.85	8.57
Electrical prods.	357.40	351.48	320.39	39.8	40.4	39.8	8.98	8.70	8.05
Miscellaneous prods.	224.06	231.64	243.00	38.9	39.8	40.5	5.76	5.82	6.00
Other durables	347.44	344.40	337.84	40.4	40.0	41.0	8.60	8.61	8.24
Nondurable goods	$303.46	$296.86	$280.68	40.3	39.9	39.7	$7.53	$7.44	$7.07
Food & kindred prods.	388.76	383.05	383.39	43.1	41.5	41.9	9.02	9.23	9.15
Textile mill prods.	275.80	269.50	267.68	39.4	39.4	41.5	7.00	6.84	6.45
Apparel	211.66	206.27	192.58	38.0	37.3	36.2	5.57	5.53	5.32
Paper & allied prods.	452.67	459.27	437.25	47.7	48.6	48.8	9.49	9.45	8.96
Print., pub. & allied	303.86	292.09	281.69	40.3	40.4	39.9	7.54	7.23	7.06
Leather & lea. prods.	186.49	185.22	178.84	34.6	34.3	34.0	5.39	5.40	5.26
Footwear	176.96	175.58	166.82	33.9	33.7	33.1	5.22	5.21	5.04
Other nondurables	336.98	326.43	308.61	41.5	40.5	40.5	8.12	8.06	7.62

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52

Total Production Workers: 87,800

Firms Reporting: 335

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
All manufacturing	$310.40	$309.57	$285.59	40.0	40.1	39.5	$7.76	$7.72	$7.23
Durable goods	329.26	329.67	305.52	40.4	40.5	40.2	8.15	8.14	7.60
Mach. & elec. prods.	348.61	341.13	320.26	41.9	41.1	41.7	8.32	8.30	7.68
Other durables	298.30	310.87	280.49	38.0	39.5	37.7	7.85	7.87	7.44
Nondurable goods	285.26	282.03	262.00	39.4	39.5	38.7	7.24	7.14	6.77
Textiles & apparel	269.88	267.93	264.38	39.0	39.0	41.7	6.92	6.87	6.34
Other nondurables	290.66	287.03	261.32	39.6	39.7	37.6	7.34	7.23	6.95

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 49

Total Production Workers: 12,800

Firms Reporting: 42

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
All manufacturing	$405.18	$389.09	$378.78	41.6	40.7	41.9	$9.74	$9.56	$9.04
Durable goods	409.91	394.83	382.69	41.7	41.0	42.1	9.83	9.63	9.09
Mach. & elec. prods.	439.67	426.18	416.64	41.4	40.9	42.0	10.62	10.42	9.92
Other durables	338.18	317.12	308.17	42.7	41.4	42.1	7.92	7.66	7.32
Nondurable goods	382.30	366.03	365.92	40.8	39.4	41.3	9.37	9.29	8.86

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 63

Total Production Workers: 21,150

Firms Reporting: 69

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category

Period Ending November 1984

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	11,370	5,094	1,699	796	970	411
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	1,376	76	141	53	203	47
Managerial (18,19)	515	667	89	54	68	38
Clerical (20-24)	1,982	1,626	281	231	185	144
Sales (25-29)	562	268	98	43	38	16
Services (3)	1,750	1,029	276	171	86	43
Farm (4)	125	27	9	3	4	1
Processing (5)	205	70	34	12	25	3
Machine Trade (6)	1,089	386	131	52	75	21
Benchwork (7)	1,023	680	175	123	123	70
Structural (8)	1,808	61	255	5	78	4
Miscellaneous (9)	869	171	187	35	83	24
Unclassified	66	33	23	14	2	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	November 1984	October 1984	July 1, 1984 to November 30, 1984
Total applicants for employment	3,163	3,053	15,628
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,059	2,995	14,282
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,689	3,015	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,137	1,440	6,367

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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-4857

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